Approvec use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known **Application Number** Not Yet Assigned 10/724,809 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date December 1, 2003 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT First Named Inventor Bernard Becker Art Unit 3746 Not Yet Assigned (use as many sheets as necessary) Examiner Name Not Yet Assigned L. Casaregola of Attorney Docket Number 2002P19186US

		<i>t</i>	U.S. PATENT	OCUMENTS		
examiner Initials	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Unes, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		Number - Kind Code ² (if known)				
	-	U9-2002/0160271 A1	88-81-2882	Viteri et al.	-	
	5	UG-4,499,209	02-12-1985	Oceaniy		
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-			· ·	
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US•				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US-				
		US- +	,			
		US-				

		FOREIGN PA	TENT DOCU	MENTS		
Examiner Initials*	0'4-	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	r⁰
	Cite No.1	Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
/LC/	3	DE 43 35 136 A1	04-28- 1994	Leithner		•
	4	DE 199 52 884 A1	05-10- 2001	Frutschi		
	5	EP 0 453 059 A1	10-23- 1991	Hisatome		
V	6	WO 02/38927	05-16- 2002	Bachmann		
	·					

	<u> </u>	1				

Examiner Signature	/Louis Casaregola/	Date Considered	09/25/2007
-----------------------	--------------------	--------------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of Information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

* Previously considered.